

Remarks

This Amendment is being submitted after final. Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance and respectfully requests entering of this Amendment.

To begin with, Applicant's attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during the Interview of November 11, 2004. During the Interview, no exhibits or demonstrations were conducted. The independent claims, claims 1, 11 and 12 were discussed. The Matts and Novak references were discussed in detail. Specifically, the routing of the rope in Matts and Novak were discussed in contrast to that claimed in the present invention. The general thrust of the argument presented was that the routing of the prior art, was not the same as that claimed. To further define the routing of the rope, Applicant agreed that Applicant would insert that the rope went completely around the hub. This was previously thought to be included with the recitation "wherein the rope overlaps itself". However, it was agreed that a further amendment would be made to clarify this and to indicate that the rope went completely around the hub. It was indicated that this would define over the Matts and Novak references.

Other pertinent matters were not discussed. Specifically, the Section 112 amendments were not discussed and will be discussed in more detail in the following response.

Claims 9 and 10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112 as being indefinite. Applicant respectfully traverses this requirement and submits that the claims, as submitted, were definitive. Applicant respectfully submits that the claim language and operation of the device were clearly set forth. However, in an effort to more clearly define the invention and to overcome the 112 rejection, Applicant has amended claims 9 and 10 to more clearly set forth the operation of the invention. Applicant respectfully submits that the amendments to claims 9 and 10 now clearly define the invention and overcome the rejection in the Office Action.

Next, independent claims 1, 11 and 12 have been amended. The independent claims have been amended to indicate that the rope goes completely around the hub or second member. As discussed in the Interview Summary, Applicant respectfully submits that this clearly defines over the prior art of record and respectfully submits that the claims are now in condition for allowance. Further, all of the dependent claims, include this limitation and are likewise submitted to be allowable.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding the foregoing, he is respectfully requested to call the undersigned at (612) 331-7415.

Respectfully submitted,

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